



Press release

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HERA: the extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting approved the integration of Sat Sassuolo in the Hera Group.

Approved a share capital increase reaching 1,031,292,363 shares (of a face value of a €1 each)

The Hera Group extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting approved the merger integration of Sat in Hera S.p.A. and a share capital increase from €1,016,752,029.00 to €1.031,292,363.00, through the issue of a maximum of 14,540,334 shares of a face value of €1 each, reserved to the merger.

The Shareholders' Meeting has further more approved the share capital increase of €1,445,339, through the issue of 1,445,339 new ordinary shares, reserved to the Municipalities of Castiglione dei Pepoli, Grizzana Morandi, Monzuno, San Benedetto Val di Sambro and Sasso Marconi as a consideration for the acquisition of gas assets in these territories; the acquisition implies potential strategic and operational benefits for the Group.

"The extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting has approved today" – said Tomaso Tommasi di Vignano, Chairman of the Hera Group – "the expansion of Hera on reference territory in Modena province, which represents a further step in the Hera Group consolidation process. SAT merger follows the establishment in July 2007 of Marche Multiservizi (41% Hera stake), born from the consolidation of Aspes and Megas, operating in the northern part of the contiguous Marche region".

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